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## RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION

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Applicants hereby request a 1-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of January 15, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110 in payment of the government fee for a 1-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated January 15, 2004, applicants submit as follows:

Applicants elect the claims of Group 1 (Claims 1-5, 14, and 15) for further prosecution in the above captioned application.

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Claims 6-13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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